



Notes from the Director

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DIRECTION AND EMPHASIS

A year ago I provided specific goals toward which we in the Intelligence Community should be working. This might be a good time to restate those goals and remind ourselves that the overall purpose of our every effort should be to produce the highest possible quality of intelligence. Our goals, as I perceive them in 1978, and as have been circulated through the National Foreign Intelligence Board, are to:

- Ensure that intelligence products are timely and relevant to policy needs by promoting a continuing dialogue between the Intelligence Community and the policymakers, and by integrating intelligence analysis on a cross-disciplinary basis.
- Offer our intelligence products to more customers, including the Congress, the Cabinet, and the public.
- Establish all-source collection strategies and assure the acquisition of information on foreign activities is achieved on an integrated basis.
- Devise a program to anticipate changes in intelligence priorities over the long-term and to develop effective systems and resources to support the production requirements of the next decade.
- Develop methods for determining the major intelligence problems over the next decade and how these problems will impact on collection, production, and support requirements.
- Conduct our intelligence activities in ways which will strengthen confidence of the U.S. public in the Intelligence Community.
- Ensure that sound analytic trade-offs are made between all competing intelligence programs, including intelligence-related activities, so that all available resources are fully utilized effectively and economically in the collection and production of national intelligence.
- Provide support and advice to the Congress to ensure that applicable charter legislation fully supports intelligence needs and provides for necessary flexibility in implementation and with the Congress to obtain legislation which is adequate for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

I solicit your support toward achieving these goals.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF INTELLIGENCE

The Center for the Study of Intelligence (CSI) provides a unique forum for selected professionals from the Agency and the Intelligence Community to contribute to the study and development of long-range intelligence doctrine and policy issues. The Center, an element of the Office of Training, serves as the senior training element of the Agency; provides the vehicle for analysis and improvement of the theory, process and profession of intelligence; and publishes the quarterly journal *Studies in Intelligence*.

In the future, participants in the CSI program, selected through appropriate career boards and the Training Selection Board, will be designated "DCI Fellows." The appointment, normally for a one-year period, will be equivalent to attendance at a senior service school and will provide recognition, in a distinguished manner, of the significant career potential of those so designated.

All Agency managers are urged to provide vigorous and thoughtful support to the nominating process in order to assure appropriate recognition of those selected. Managers will also be requested to suggest subjects and issues that DCI Fellows might address.

The work product of individual Fellows will be published in the *Studies in Intelligence* or other appropriate publications.

A new charter for the Center has been developed and will be distributed throughout the Agency.

AGENCY-WIDE VACANCY NOTICE SYSTEM

The Agency-wide Vacancy Notice System is a matter of lively conversation nearly every time I meet with employees. Of particular concern is the fact that many employees see the notices too late to apply for vacancies, and sometimes don't see them at all.

As a result of this concern, I would like to see the system work better. To accomplish this I have requested the Director of Personnel to ensure that:

1. Vacancy notices are published and distributed as quickly as possible.
2. There is a minimum of 2 weeks between publication of the notice and the deadline date for submission of applications. This will ensure a wide circulation and provide adequate opportunity for all interested individuals to apply.
3. All applicants receive thorough and equitable consideration, without regard to the component they came from.

To make the Vacancy Notice System work well and provide maximum opportunities to the greatest number of employees, the cooperation and support of all Agency managers is essential. Office heads, branch chiefs and supervisors at all levels must disseminate notices promptly and to all so that everyone interested becomes aware of, and can apply for, vacancies as they develop.

I assure you of my continuing interest in the system and request your help to make the program a success.

RECRUITMENT

The Agency continues to attract many bright and able applicants for a wide variety of positions. In the first seven months of FY 1978, the Agency received 21,500 written inquiries concerning employment possibilities compared to 14,700 for the same period in FY 1977, an increase of 46 percent.

This increase can be attributed largely to the extensive national publicity given an ad designed to attract DDO Career Trainee candidates in *The New York Times* on 2 April. About 3,800 resumes and letters have been received in response to the ad, and about [redacted] have been interviewed and are being considered for the CT Program. Another [redacted] do not meet CT criteria but are being considered against other Agency requirements.

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Although there are still sporadic displays of hostility toward the Agency, recruiters report they are generally well-received on college campuses. Students now appear to be more concerned about careers than their counterparts in the late 60's and early 70's. Recruiters also report that competition is particularly keen in the recruitment of minorities and for specialists in technical and scientific fields.

MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUPS (MAG)

I want to encourage all employees to participate in the activities of our various MAGs. There are MAGs for the DCI, DDA, DDO, and NFAC, and a DDS&T management advisory panel. In addition many offices within the directorates have similar groups.

These employee groups are a wonderful means of carrying employee suggestions forward and of bringing problems of common concern to the attention of senior management. MAGs are anxious to receive your suggestions which they may study and pass along; or to learn what kinds of information you need and attempt to recommend new ways to disseminate it. This is an excellent way to bring such matters to my personal attention. Use your MAG.



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